मूर्तियों और मंदिरों के स्थापत्य अवशेषों की तस्करी

705. **प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार के पास उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार भारत की सांस्कृतिक विरासत से संबंधित कितनी मूर्तियां और मंदिरों के स्थापत्य अवशेष चोरी-छिपे विदेशों में ले जाये गये हैं;

(ख) मूर्तियों और स्थापत्य अवशेषों की चोरी रोकने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं; और

(ग) इन मूर्तियों और स्थापत्य अवशेषों को वापस लाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय शिक्षा विभाग और सांस्कृतिक विभाग में उप मंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा): (क) केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वारा दी गई सूचना के अनुसार विगत पांच वर्षों के दौरान 19 मूर्तियां चोरी-छिपे भारत से बाहर ले जायी गई।

(ख) पुरावशेषों की चोरी और उनकी तस्करी को रोकने के लिए भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण ने कई कदम उठाए हैं जैसे सावधानीपूर्वक चौकसी बरतना और सीमा के निकास स्थलों पर गहन जांच करना तथा पुरावशेष एवं बहुमूल्य कलाकृति अधिनियम, 1972 कड़ाई से लागू करना। चुनिन्दा स्मारकों और मूर्तिकला शेडों पर सशस्त्र पुलिस गार्ड तैनात किए गए हैं।

(ग) केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो ने 19 पुरावशेषों को वापस लाने के लिए कदम उठाए हैं।

Creches in Bihar

706. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Creches were sanctioned by Government to various States from National Creches Fund in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that not a single Creche has been sanctioned to Bihar;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) the remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SMT. BASAVA RAJESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During 1994-95, 450 creches were sanctioned to 13 States from where complete applications with State Government's recommendations were received.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. As the Government of Bihar has intimated that the recommendation letters purportedly recommending financial assistance to NGOs were not genuine, the matter was referred to the Government of Bihar for investigation and necessary action. A decision on sanction of financial assistance to NGOs in Bihar will be taken after the report from the Government of Bihar is received.

Rehabilitation of Prostitutes

707. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 25% of the young prostitutes in the World are in India according to the progress of the National Report 1995 prepared by the UNICEF; and

(b) the steps taken to rehabilitation them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SMT. BASAVA RAJESWARI): (a) As per the UNICEF Report "Progress of Nations-1995" the estimate of the number of children under

18 years involved in prostitution in India is 3 to 4 lakhs. The Report also states that the number of under-18s involved in prostitution probably exceeds 2 million. However, these are only estimates and there are no reliable and accurate statistics available about the number of child prostitutes in India and in the World.

(b) The Government of India have set up a Central Advisory Committee to frame recommendations/plan of action for both legal and no-legal approaches for the rescue and rehabilitation of child prostitutes.

The recommendation of the Committee have been sent to the concerned Central Ministries/ Departments and to the State Governments for taking appropriate action. Many of the State Governments have set up State Advisory Committees within their jurisdiction for suggesting measures for the care, protection, treatment and rehabilitation of the young victims rescued from brothal houses. Notification appointing special Police Officers and constituting local non-official advisory bodies by some states. The Central Government has been requesting the States/Union Territories from time to time to issue such notification wherever they have not done so.

The Juvenile Justice Act, 1986 provides for the care, protection, treatment and rehabilitation of neglected or deliquent juveniles including girls.

The enforcement of the Acts is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government have issued instructions from time to time to all States/Union Territories for strict implementation of the Act. Meetings with DGPs of all the States have been held in this regard.

The Government has an extensive network of Short Stay Homes and Homes set up under Juvenile Justice Act for protection and rehabilitation of the victims. The Services of qualified doctors, psychiatrists are available in the Short Stay Homes. These services are available on part time basis in the Homes under Juvenile Justice Act.

Children of prostitutes need special care to prevent them from being exploited and inducted into prostitution. Removal of such children under the Juvenile Justice Act and their care, protection, treatment and rehabilitation are the steps taken by Government in this regard. Taking up ICDS projects, setting up centres to provide education, health, nutrition in red light areas are some interventions by Government and NGOs to care, protect and educate children of prostitutes.

A National Plan of Action for the SAARC Decade (1991-2000 AD) of the Girl Child focussing on survival, protection and development of the girls child has been formulated. A special set of interventions for adolescent girls has been institutionalised through the ICDS infrastructure. Programmes of Awareness Generation and advocacy are being implemented to project positive images of girl children so as to bring changes in societal attitudes towards them.

Research in the Agricultural Sector

708. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a need to conduct intensive research in the agricultural sector has arisen as a consequence of GATT agreement; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to meet this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Overall research activities have been strengthened and